



**EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
ABIDJAN BUREAU**

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THRU : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Abidjan Bureau--March 1986

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The major political event in the bureau's coverage area during the month never occurred. An effort by Congolese President Sassou-Nguesso to bring together Chadian President Hissein Habre and rebel leader Goukouni Oueddei for a reconciliation conference failed at the last minute when Goukouni apparently reneged on an earlier promise to attend. Goukouni's no-show earned him uncharacteristically harsh criticism from both the Congolese Government and OAU Chairman Abdou Diouf, who was also to participate in the talks.

2. In contrast, the West African Economic Community was finally able to hold a summit conference in Ouagadougou 26-27 March. The summit had been delayed several months because of strains among its member states including the Mali-Burkina Christmas War and the politically sensitive issue of how to handle the prosecution of senior Community officials accused of gross embezzlement. At the end of the conference, a final communique expressed common satisfaction with the solidarity, friendship and brotherhood that supposedly exists among the member states.

3. In Nigeria, the Armed Forces Ruling Council on 5 March upheld the death sentences passed on 10 of the military officers accused of plotting a coup in December, and within hours the men were executed. Also, in Ghana two persons were sentenced to death for conspiring last year to overthrow the Rawlings government.

B. Coverage

1. Bureau coverage of the NEWS AGENCY OF NIGERIA was made easier as of 13 March when the news agency reserved its primary frequency exclusively for the use of Lagos transmissions. Previously, this frequency had been shared throughout the day with regional offices. NAN apparently decided to set aside one frequency for central news transmissions because it has begun selling teleprinters and other receiving equipment to subscribers so that they can receive news transmissions directly. In the past, NAN has transmitted its file

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to regional offices, from which it was handcarried by dispatch riders to subscribers.

2. Radio Cote d'Ivoire placed in service a 500-kw transmitter on 15 March.

C. Communications

At the end of the month, the bureau's four-mile microwave link to the embassy chancery was taken down to allow for installation work at the embassy terminal. The link is expected to be down through most of April. All traffic is now being passed via the bureau's direct telephone line to the chancery by means of a switch installed last year by bureau engineer

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II. ADMINISTRATION

A. The Embassy has forwarded to the State Department a proposed leave plan for foreign nationals that follows Ivorian practice, which is considerably more liberal than the current USG plan. A copy of the plan has been pouched to Headquarters for study.

B. At mid-month, the post COLA increased from Class 35 to Class 42, presumably reflecting the long fall in the value of the dollar. However, late in the month, the dollar showed signs of renewed strength, increasing from a low of CFA 339 to CFA 360 at the close.

C. In accordance with worldwide policy, the bureau and all other agencies at post began providing personnel to serve as diplomatic courier security escorts between the chancery and the airport.

III. VISITS

The Director paid his first visit to the bureau 27-30 March.

Chief, Abidjan Bureau

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Attachments:

Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Swaziland Bureau
Deputy Chief, London Bureau
Chief, Abidjan Bureau

Abidjan Bureau Production Report for March 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	240530
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	8260
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	875

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	8118.00	26520.00	109.00
(minutes or issues per week)	min.	min.	issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

BENIN			
Cotonou Domestic Service in			
French	3790		
Parakou Domestic Service in			
French	150		
Cotonou EHUZU in			
French			0

BURKINA			
Ouagadougou Domestic Service in			
French	23140		
Ouagadougou CARREFOUR AFRICAIN in			
French			0
Ouagadougou SIDWAYA in			
French			0

CAMEROON			
Yaounde Domestic Service in			
English	590		
Yaounde Domestic Service in			
French	1930		
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in			
English			0
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in			
French			0

CAPE VERDE			
Praia VOZ DI POVO in			
Portuguese			140

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC			
Bangui Domestic Service in			
French	280		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
CHAD			
Ndjamena Domestic Service in French	10790		
(clandestine) Bardai National Radio in French	2640		
CONGO			
Brazzaville Domestic Service in French	0		
Brazzaville BULLETIN QUOTIDIEN in French			0
Brazzaville ETUMBA in French			0
*Brazzaville MWETI in French			0
EQUATORIAL GUINEA			
Malabo Domestic Service in Spanish	0		
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in English		27310	
Paris AFP in French		24400	
Paris Diplomatic Information Service in French			0
Paris AFRIQUE-ASIE in French			0
Paris JEUNE AFRIQUE in French			1820
GABON			
Libreville Africa No. 1 in French	2250		
Libreville Domestic Service in French	0		
Libreville L'UNION in French			0
GHANA			
Accra Domestic Service in English	28560		

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Accra GHANAIAN TIMES in English			0
Accra PEOPLE'S DAILY GRAPHIC in English			0
Accra WEEKLY MIRROR in English			0
Accra WEEKLY SPECTATOR in English			0
GUINEA			
Conakry Domestic Service in French	800		
Conakry HOROYA in French			0
GUINEA-BISSAU			
Bissau NO PINTCHA in Portuguese			120
IVORY COAST			
Abidjan Domestic Service in French	1830		
Abidjan Television Service in French		0	
Abidjan FRATERNITE HEBDO in French			0
Abidjan FRATERNITE MATIN in French			5560
Abidjan IVOIRE DIMANCHE in French			0
LIBERIA			
Monrovia Domestic Service in English	240		
Monrovia Radio ELWA in English	12490		
Monrovia NEW LIBERIAN in English			0
MALI			
Bamako Domestic Service in French	5880		
Bamako L'ESSOR in French			0
MAURITANIA			
Nouakchott Domestic Service in French	2550		

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Nouakchott CHAAB in French			210
NIGER			
Niamey Domestic Service in French	2810		
Niamey LE SAHEL in French			0
Niamey SAHEL HEBDO in French			0
NIGERIA			
Lagos International Service in English	2520		
Lagos Domestic Service in English	15860		
Kaduna Domestic Service in English	570		
Lagos NAN in English		15500	
Lagos DAILY TIMES in English			0
*Lagos NATIONAL CONCORD in English			0
Lagos THE GUARDIAN in English			400
SENEGAL			
Dakar Domestic Service in French	6210		
DAKAR PANA in English		14540	
Dakar PANA in French		11420	
Dakar LE SOLEIL in French			430
SIERRA LEONE			
Freetown Domestic Service in English	820		
Freetown DAILY MAIL in English			0
THE GAMBIA			
Banjul GAMBIA NEWS BULLETIN in English			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
TOGO			
Lome Domestic Service in French	3610		C
Lome LA NOUVELLE MARCHE in French			0 C
ZAIRE			
Kinshasa Domestic Service in French	1520		C
Kinshasa AZAP in French		6850	C
Kinshasa ELIMA in French			0 C